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The date of the marriage of Mr. Chas. Prescott Allen Clough of Kansas City, formerly of Topeka, and Miss Jennie Barbara Barzen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Barzen of Kansas City, has been set for the morning of September 24 in St. Vincent's chapel. Mr. Spelton Burr of Topeka will be one of the ushers. Miss Tillie Barzen, Miss Emily Barzen and Miss Louise Glasner will be the maids and Mr. Beverley C. Pratt, groomsman, Mr. Charles Lester Schmack, Mr. J. H. Smith, Mr. Roland Murrow and Mr. Theodore Parker the

Mrs. Ralph Zane has issued invita-

Mrs. Albert Morss Patten and Mrs. Frank Scott Davis, who are in Emporia were the guests of honor at a reception given by their hostess, Mrs. J. M. Tan-

er, Saturday. Mr. Franklyn Hunt is in Leavenworth children of Osage City, are here for a week with Mrs. Bonebrake's mother, Mrs. J. B. Thompson, 1014 Topeka ave-

nue.

Miss M. E. Hollis, of Chicago, is the guest of Mrs. G. J. Mulvane.

Mr. Howel Jones, Jr., returned today from Flagstaff, Arizona, where he has

been several months.

Miss Nettie Newmark, of Lawrence,
was the guest of Miss Jessie Myers
Sunday.

Mr. Harry Parks and Mr. Reuben Spivey went to Rossville this morning for a fortnight's shooting.

Mr. Torrence Ewart of Oklahoma City who spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ewart, went to Kansas City this morning.

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Mr. B. E. Zartman is expected to leave Stormont hospital where he has been for a fortnight Wednesday.

Mrs. W. L. Newcomer will accompany her sister, Miss Bessie Kumm, who has been with her most of the summer to her home in Pittsburg, next week.

Miss Mildred Poindexter has returned from a visit to Miss Josephine Gay in Kansas City.

Mr. Albert T. Reid is in Kansas City.

Mr. Sheldon Wentworth and his guest,

Mr. Fred Walker of Pittsburg, Kan, who have been in Topeka a few days, leave Tuesday for Missouri from where they return to school at St. John's, Salina, the first of September.

Miss Reita Updegraff and Miss Jessie Campbell will go to Maple Hill Wednesday to spend a week with Mrs. R. T. Updegraff.

pdegraff. Mrs. A. C. Morse, who is the guest of ir daughter, Mrs. W. G. Dickle, leaves ir her home in Lancaster, Wis., Tues-

day.

Mr. Merritt Hodson of Chicago is the guest of the W. M. Wellcome family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. O'Neil have returned to their home in Chillicothe after a visit in Potwin.

************************* from a fortnight in Colorado Saturday.

Miss Dora Johnson, Miss Vina Johnson and Miss Edith Coles have returned from Denver and Manitou.

Miss Edith Torrence of 324 Quincy street goes to Kansas City Wednesday

for three weeks.

Miss Marion Balderson, of Louisville, will spend two weeks visiting Miss Ruth Tincher.

Mr. Harold Copeland went to Ottawa

PETE THE PINCHER.

He Made Things Interesting For Women in Stores.

Saturday afternoon "Pete the Pincher" left town at the request of Sheriff Cook. "Hunting for Hawkins" for some time fusiveness about the meeting. Cook merely nodded at Hawkins and Hawknis merely glanced at Cook and then knis merely glanced at Cook and then they walked down Kansas avenue and Hawkins took a Rock Island train for somewhere, Cook don't care where.

"Pete the Pincher" had been making trouble in the dry goods stores. His presence, after he had operated for a while, was very obnoxious to the women in the stores. He had a mad and uncontrollable desire to pinch and he was not particular in what locality he pinched. "Pete the Pincher" went into the dry goods stores where the aisles were crowded and his wanderings could be told by stifled screams and exclamations. He very unceremoniously be told by stifled screams and exclamations. He very unceremoniously pinched the women in the crowd. A woman might be buying a piece of red canton flannel when suddenly she would feel something which she thought might be a snake bite. She would scream and grab her arm or some other part of her anatomy and look around to find Hawkins standing there unconcerned.

He was caught in Crosby Brothers' store and nabbed by Erastus Crosby who escorted him to the sidewalk just in time to meet Sheriff Cook who took Mr. Hawkins in tow and piloted him to the depot after making him promise he would leave town.

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 25.—Special advices received here from London say there is very little probability that the United fruit company of New Orleans and Boston; Elder, Dempster & Co., of Liverpool and the Fyfes, of Aberdeen, will combine their fruit interests.

Aberdeen, S. D., Aug. 25.—The First National bank was robbed of thirty-eight hundred dollars in sliver Sunday night. The robbers entered the basement, thence going upstairs, They cut a hole in the vault through the side steel. The chest was not opened, the sliver being stored in sacks in the vault outside of the safe.

Philadelphia, Aug. 25.—The new battle-hip Maine returned to Cramp's shipyards oday from her trial trip over the Cape ann course. The vessel is said to have nade a new coast record yesterday on the un between Boston lightship and the overfalls light ship off the Delaware apes, covering the distance of 410 miles in 4 hours. 19 minutes. Her average speed was 16.91 knots.

Tickets on sale August 27th. UNION PACIFIC R. R.

Farmers' Annual Picnic at Berryto August 26th.

Rate 30 cents for the round trip. Train leaves Missouri Pacific depot at 7 a. m., returning at 5 p. m. Everybody invited.

New Benefit District Source of Many Blunders.

Complaints.

INVOLVES 4,500 LOTS

Will Probably Get Into the Courts in End.

Means an Expenditure of Over \$17,000 in Money.

It is not much wonder that in organ-izing seventeen benefit districts for opening streets, involving a special tax on about 4,500 lots, and a total expendi-true of \$17,013, there should have been some mistakes made. The city officials are now getting the full benefit of the mistakes.

ized, but occasionally there is an exception.

The biggest exception so far is in the benefit district known as "district for opening Second street from Western avenue to Fillmore, Third street from Southeast corner of Fernald tract to Fillmore, and to widen Fillmore from Third street to the south line of the Bromich tract." It will cost \$5.445 to make these improvements, according to the apraisers' report, and the people living in the district are preparing to hold a meeting for the purpose of taking a concerted action to "smash" the whole proposition. It is practically certain that a suit will be filed in the district court to enjoin the collection of the special tax, and thus test the validity of the organization of the district.

The district which is planning to make this fight in the courts involves a larger expenditure of money than any other one district. It covers a territory bounded on the north by the city limits on the east by Polk street, on the south by Fifth street, and on the west by Buchanan street. The people living in this district make two principal objections to the collection of the proposed tax.

First, they maintain that the district

S3.75 per lot.

Second, it is claimed that the appraisers were unjust in their appraisement, and have made it necessary for those who live at some distance from the proposed improvement, and who are not benefited thereby, to pay the same as those who live in the immediate vicinity. The appraisers were R. M. Spivey, Samuel Dolman and Fred N. Miller. They insist that they have done the work according to law.

It may be that the city has made mistakes in bandling the vast amount of business required to create seventeen benefit districts for opening streets. The responsibility for the mistakes is probably divided between the council, the appraisers and the taxpayers. The council may have made mistakes in determining the boundaries for the districts and in "railroading" through the appraisers' reports without knowing what they were doing; the appraisers may have erred in their judgment, and the taxpayers are no doubt at fault for falling to protect their interests by keeping their eye on both the council and the appraisers' until too late.

The excuse for all these blunders is not hard to find. Topeka simply tried to handle more of this sort of business this season than its official facilities permit. In common slang, it bit off more than it could masticate. It tried

this season than its official facilities permit. In common slang, it bit off more than it could masticate. It tried to do so much that it has to rush things through without due consideration.

One of the biggest benefit districts in the city, for the opening of Morse street, was officially buried by the council after the appraisers had made up their report, because Councilman Bergundthal, who owned property in the district, was not satisfied with the amount of damages allowed him by the appraisers and threatened to start a

opening of certain streets, especially in North Topeka, has been growing louder and louder. This year, the council grit-ted its teeth, and decided to finish up everything in sight at one gulp. The

ger than the city is prepared to handle with ease.

The following is a complete list of the 17 districts which have been created, and the amount which it will cost to make the specified improvement:

Opening Second and Third and widening Fillmore

Opening alley in rear of Spruce street

Extending Twelfth street from Beal's addition to Chandler

Opening and extending Laurent, Norris, Polk and Taylor

Widening Fifteenth between Clay and Buchanan

Opening alley between Garfield and Mulvane

Second 25000

Dening alley between Garfield and West Van Buren between Bea-West
Widening Van Buren between Beacon and Twenty-third
Opening alley between Lincoin and
Lane
Widening Tyler through Rambo
addition
Widening West and Thirteenth
streets

Widening Jefferson street
Opening West street
Opening alley between Madison
and Jefferson
Opening alley between Monroe and
Quincy

STEPPED OVER A CLIFF. Mountain Climbers Have Narrow Escape From Death.

Mount Eagle, Tenn., Aug. 25.—At Forest Point last night Miss Vinnie Tucker, a prominent young woman of Decherd, and one of a party on a mountain trip, stepped over the cliff. Sidney Cowan, of Nashville, sprang to her rescue. He caught her, but too late to prevent her fall. Both were dragged over the precipice together and landed on the incline 40 feet below. Though Cowan was hadly shaken up he was still conscious as his body rolled down the ledge, and he caught hold of a bush which stayed his descent. Miss Tucker, bleeding and unconscious, was rolling down the way he had gone. As she passed he caught

City Officers Hear No End of CAUGHT A PICKPOCKET

He Tried to Rob a Kansas City

Two of the Craddock rooters, who came to Topeka Saturday, went home minus their money and Samuel Martin is locked up in the police station charged with having picked it from their nockets.

iade of shots aiding him at every jump. John Lucas got his swamp angel to working and the bullets came so close to Martin that he thought it best to stop. He was taken to the station but the man whose pocket he had been investigating had taken the train for home. Earlier in the evening a Kansas City man who came with the excursionists, was robbed of \$100. Chief of Police Zimmer, of Kansas City, notified Chief Donovan that he would find out who the men were and have them appear against Martin.

HIT HIM ON HEAD.

Janitor of Grand Opera House Hurt in a Fight.

Henry Robb, the colored janitor at the Grand opera house, was injured late Saturday night in a fight which took place in the opera house. Robb is now at Christ hospital with his head cut and bruised. He will recover.

J. W. Kershner and Arthur Douglass were working in the opera house at night finishing their work before the house opens tonight. They say that Robb came into the house where they were working at midnight Saturday and that he started the trouble by trying to put them out. Kershner says Robb struck him twice and then grabbed him around the waist and bit him on the shoulder, Kershner struck Robb with a wooden mallet. Then the two men overpowered him and took him to the police station where his wounds were dressed. No arrests were made.

LEASES BATTLE ABBEY. An American Will Reside in the His toric Structure.

New York, Aug. 25.—Battle Abbey, the hristoric pile which marks the spot where Herold, surrounded by his Saxons, fell before the ax of William the Conquerer at the battle of Hastings, has been leased for a term of years, says the Herald, to Michael P. Grace, brother of former Mayor William R. Grace.

Mr. Grace will use the abbey as a winter residence.

ter residence.

For a long time Mr. Grace has leased Lord Howe's estate in Hertfordshire for his winter home.

Battle Abbey which beloned to the late Duchess of Cleveland, widow of the fourth and last duke of Cleveland and mother of Lord Rosbery, was sold at auction last autumn to Sir Augustus Frederick Walpole Webster, a descendant of Sir Thomas Webster, who bought the abbey from the sixth Viscount Montague in 1718, and in whose family the abbey rem

WILL BE 20 FEET WIDE. County Commissioners Fix Width of

Sixth Avenue Road.

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The county commissioners this morning decided that the pavement for the West Sixth street road should be 20 feet wide.

The commmissioners will pay for 17 feet out of the road fund and the other three feet will be paid for by the property owners interested in the pavement. The brick company, for its donation, will pave the west 500 feet with brick. The balance of the pavement will be macadam. The pavement will be from the east line of Gage park to the west line of the Harstsock property. After this is finished the commissioners intend to pave the road, on the north side of the river, which leads to the brick yard bridge, and later pave part of the Burlingame road.

MANY NEW MEMBERS.

They Will Be Voted Into T. A. A Tonight.

There will be a meeting at the Topeka Athletic association tonight and 70 new members will be voted into the association.

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Plans will be discussed at this meeting for the improvement of the association quarters and the addition of special features. The association is now having a revival, as shown by the list of applicants for membership. The bowling alleys are to be put in first class condition at once and during the coming winter several bowling tournaments will be held and matches will be played with teams from other cities. Special attention will be given to pool and billiards and exhibitions and matches will be played at the association rooms.

FOR ROBBING BUTLER.

The police arrested Harry and John Devlin Sunday on the charge of high-ray robbery upon the person of William

Butler. Butler was robbed late Friday night on East Fifth street by two men who struck him over the head and after robbing him left him lying unconscious on the sidewalk. Butler was able, when he regained his senses, to make his way to his home. He described his assailants to the police. Chief Donovan is certain he has the right men.

Uniformity Convention. Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 25.—The state oard of commissioners for promoting informity of legislation in the United tates met here today in national con

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TO FUSE OR NOT.

Question Confronting Nevada Silver Men and Democrats.

nvention meets in this city toa full state ticket. The Democratic state convention meets here also on the Fusion may or may not be effected.

The Democrats are fighting Sadler's nomination for governor, and it is believed that Congressman Newlands, candidate for United States senator, is behind the fight made on Sadler. John Sparks is being boomed by the Democrats for the position, but he has not yet consented to run. Sparks is a wealthy cattle man and owner of the famous Wedekind mine.

Sadler claims that he has votes enough to secure the nomination.

C. D. Van Duger is an avowed can-

THIS IS THE LAST WEEK Diamond "C" Soap Voting Contest

Ends Saturday Night.

Diamond "C" soap contest. Between now and that time the contestants mus put forth their final efforts in gathering he valuable wrappers from Diamone "C" soap. The indications are that th

The following is the standing of first 5 contestants at noon today: Mrs. L. B. Crowder, 223 Klein .. 8,054 Leah Saunders, 620 Lake 7.032 Mrs. Fannie Harris, 301 Lake. 4,392 Ethel Yeargain, 409 E. Third, 3,717 Mrs. Blalie, 2009 Harrison 3,180 Cora Stevens, 707 Lake 2,703

Kate McKeirnan, 805 East Sixth. 1.001
Jessie McCord, Crosby Bros. 821
Margaret Crow, 1719 W. 10th. 609
Harry Dreisbach, 213 Harrison. 523
Mrs. D. Dillon, 500 Fillmore. 500
Edna Groves, 817 Monroe. 463 Iva Grow, Western Woolen mills... Zaidee B. Gilbert, 2200 W. Tenth... Harry Pettit, confectionery...... Emma Schafer, Ind. Tel. Co...... Emma Sholes, 211 Hancock...... Creamery Mrs. Craig, lau

Booklet giving details and con-

litions of the contest can be had at F. W. Swearingen's Jewelry Store, 724 Kansas 'avenue, or write the Cudahy Packing Co., Topeica.

Roff, also a silver man.

All the delegates of both conventions are here and the questions of fusion and the distribution of the offices are being discussed. It is impossible to forecast

"Butch" Died Without Knowing He Had Won \$900 on Herbert. Saratoga, Aug. 25.—The funeral

Saratoga, Aug. 25.—The funeral of Butch. Thompson, the veteran book-maker, was held and his partner, Leo swatts, was collecting the last bet he ever made. Many prominent men, including two linted States senators, three judges and the majority of the racing men attended the funeral.

The bet collected by Swatts was made he day Thompson died. It was on Hersert, the winner of the handicap. Thompson, who had been in the habit of sending mail commissions to the track from the cospital, where he was a patient, picked out Herbert as the winner of the race when he knew he had but a few hours to live. He directed that \$1,000 be placed on he horse at odds at 10 to 2. Herbert won assily, and Thompson made \$300. He died without knowing that his horse had won.

Thompson left an estate of \$300,000, mosty in personal property. It will go to his relatives.

SEVEN MATCHES AT ONCE. Epworth League Discussion Ends in

Harrisburg, Ill., Aug. 25.—At a meeting of the Epworth league at Mount Carmel the question, "Why I Never Married?" was thoroughly discussed by seven young men and seven young wo-

men.

The last of the seven young girls said the reason she never married was because she never had the chance, and, further, if given the chance she would prove her reasons were correct.

The meeting wound up by the seven young men proposing, and each proposal was accepted.

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cans Apricots25e 2 cans Choice Table Penches. . 25c New Pack Early June Peas ... 10c 2 lbs. Choice Bulk Coffee 25c Large sack Table Salt 5c Strictly Pure Maple Syrup, qt . 35c Bulk Starch, pound 5e 8-ounce bottle Extract 250 20 pounds Sal Sods 25c

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